Merger of Indian Airlines and Air India

1540. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the merger of Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial Irregularities in Execution of projects in Delhi and Bombay

1541. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has pulled up the International Airport Authority of India for serious irregularities in execution of projects in Delhi and Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken or are proposed to be taken against the persons responsible for such irregularities ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General had pointed out certain deficiencies in the contract procedures followed by the International Airports Authority of India in the execution of projects at Delhi and Bombay airports. He had also pointed out the time and cost over-runs of these projects. Remedial measures on procedures have been initiated by the IAAI.

Unsatisfactory fire and first aid services at Bombay Airport

1542. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the fire services of the International Airport Authority of India at Bombay Airport was inspected by the Civil Aviation Secretary, recently, and it was found that the Crew coordination and time taken to break open the first aid box was unsatisfactory; and

(b) if so what are the details in this regard and what steps are being taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Additional Secretary and Director General of Civil Aviation had, during his inspection of Bombay Airport, observed that the fire crew drill was not coordinated and first aid kit in the ambulance was sealed in such a way that it took a long time to be opened. The International Airports Authority of India have taken remedial measures on both.

Guide Maps for Foreign Tourist

1543. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tourists travelling around the Metropolis of Delhi are being provided with a detailed map of roads and streets of the capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide such maps pertaining to important tourist places of the country at major Airports and Railway Stations, particularly to the tourists from abroad to facilitate their journey in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Tourism has brought out guide map of Delhi which is available for tourists. Besides this, Delhi Tourism Development Corporation have brought out a detailed street and road map of Delhi.

(c) Such maps are available for tourist at major airports and railway stations at the tourism counters.